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Geography is the study of the world around us. It is a combination of the arts and the sciences, providing those that study it with a broad sense of the constantly changing and fluctuating ever-changing processes that contribute to the world around us. The study of geography allows students to explore things on both the personal and the global scale, spanning the past, the present and the future.

Geographers aim to make sense of all these processes and phenomena, and in order to do so, they must develop and employ a wide range of skills: independence, enquiry, perseverance, analysis (written, mathematical, graphical and digital), and the ability to reflect upon practice and improve. At Laureate Academy we hope to inspire our students to develop these skills and a life-long love of geography and the mystery of the world that surrounds us.

KS3

The Key Stage 3 Geography course at Laureate aims to introduce key geographical concepts, and to initiate the process of developing students' knowledge of human and physical geography, hence preparing them for further geographical study. Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will study such key themes as population, climate change, economic change, coasts, and ecosystems.

KS4

At Laureate Academy, we teach to the AQA specification in GCSE Geography. This course is an exciting journey across both the physical and human aspects of the globe, with students exploring such concepts as natural hazards, physical landscapes, urbanisation, economic development and power shifts, and sustainability.

Sixth Form

Geography is an exciting and ever-changing subject. Whether through the study of climate change, wars over natural resources, (over)population or momentous earthquakes and volcanic eruptions, Geography is a subject which speaks to almost every part of human life. Students in the Sixth Form study the AQA A-Level Geography course. This course stimulates and challenges pupils, prompting them to enquire both how our world operates (Natural Geography) as well as the relationship humans have with the environment (Human Geography). Students learn about up-to-date events and processes and develop the capacity for analysis, critical-thinking and decision-making. Theoretical contexts are investigated and applied to real-life situations. In addition, students will be given the opportunity to develop valuable fieldwork skills, applying geographical knowledge and understanding in a practical way.